to the opening of fire by police resulting in the death of Gulam Rasool and his associate on 28-12-91.

(c) 'Public Order' and 'Police' being State subjects it is primarily the responsibility of the State Government to maintain public order through the machinery of police agencies. However the Central Government have issued detailed guidelines from time to time for providing necessary protection and security to journalists so that they may discharge their professional duties effectively and in an independent manner. The State Governments have also been advised to ensure prompt registration and investigation of cases relating to attack on journalists and to take action against erring officials.

Orders for deletion of News-Item from Indian Express, Chandigarh

3130. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

(a) Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some officials of the Home Department of the Chandigarh Administration visited the office of a Chandigarh English Daily, 'The Indian Express' on the night of February 15 and 16 and after inspection of the various news-items, ordered deletion of one or two of them; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) and (b) As per information received from the Union Territory Administration of Chandigarh, the Executive Magistrate, in pursuance of the orders issued by the Administratior under Section 95 Cr.P.C., had visited the office of Chandigarh English Dailies including the 'Indian Express' on the night of 15th/16th February, 1992. After noticing an objectionable news-item likely to be published by the said newspaper, the Editor of the said newspaper was requested to delete the said objectionable news-item to avoid forfeiture under Section 95 Cr. P.C.

Crimes in Delhi

3131. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the crimes in the Capital have been spiralling alarmingly for the last few years;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years, till date;

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to check this alarming rise in crimes in the capital; and

(d) the number of criminals arrested/convicted during this period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) There has been an increase in the over-all crime during 1991 as compared to 1990 and 1989.

(b) The information is contained in the enclosed Statement. (*See* below).

(c) The steps taken by the Government to curb crime include increased patrosling, posting of pickets as strategic points; strengthening of intelligene; frequent raids at the hideouts of criminals; increased surveillence; coordination meeting with the officials of the neighbouring States; training of police officers in handling modern weapons; and modernisation of communication network.

(d) The information is contained in the enclosed Statement.